

Evergreen Junior High School

Sixth Grade Courses 2026-2027

Required Courses

Honors English

In this course, students will focus on developing and strengthening their literacy skills and the strategies necessary for effective communication at a grade appropriate level. They will improve their expertise in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language usage as described in the Utah State Core Standards.

Honors World Studies

Sixth grade world studies is the study of people and places from a variety of historic eras, with connections from the past to the present whenever possible. Ancient civilizations provide a fundamental understanding of geography, anthropology, and economics, and students will learn about systems of governance, rights, and responsibilities, and how citizenship has changed over time. Students will compare institutions common to all societies, such as government, education, and religious institutions. Standards reflect specific epochs of time; the Middle Ages and Renaissance, the Age of Revolutions, and the Modern World. The focus on these epochs allows students to explore ideas and concepts in depth, learning life lessons, problem solving, and making connections that will inspire and excite them for their lives to come.

Honors Math

In grade six, instructional time should focus on four critical areas: (1) connecting ratio and rate to whole number multiplication and division and using concepts of ratio and rate to solve problems; (2) completing understanding of division of fractions and extending the notion of number to the system of rational numbers, which includes negative numbers; (3) writing, interpreting, and using expressions and equations; and (4) developing understanding of statistical thinking.

Honors Science

Sixth grade science provides a framework for student understanding of the cycling of matter and the flow of energy through the study of observable phenomena on Earth. Students will explore the role of energy and gravity in the solar system as they compare the scale and properties of objects in the solar system and model the Sun-Earth-Moon system. These strands also emphasize heat energy as it affects some properties of matter, including states of matter and density. The relationship between heat energy and matter is observable in many phenomena on Earth, such as season, the water cycle, weather, and climates. Types of ecosystems on Earth are dependent upon the interaction of organisms with each other and with the physical environment. By researching interactions between the living and nonliving components of ecosystems, students will understand how the flow of energy and cycling of matter affects stability and change within their environment.

Physical Education ½ year (full year is optional)

Physical education seeks to make students active players in life. It enables students to see the importance of proper nutrition and exercise in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

6th Grade Success ½ year

This course empowers students with the knowledge and skills necessary for academic success and to prepare them to graduate from high school ready for college, career and life with confidence and competence. Students will learn how to navigate junior high and to monitor their academic progress. The course will focus on life-skill development, academic planning, career exploration and information on options, opportunities, and resources available to ensure junior high school and future success.

Elective Courses

Full Year Electives:

Beginning Band

An instrumental music class of brass, woodwind, and percussion. It is for those who have played an instrument for one year in

elementary school. Students who have not played an instrument before are welcome to enroll and work hard. The fundamentals of note reading, musicianship, and technique will be taught by an experienced instructor.

Concert Band

An instrumental music class of woodwind, brass, and percussion. It is for those who have played an instrument for several years. Advanced techniques will be taught and demonstrated by an experienced instructor. Prerequisite: Beginning Band or similar instruction.

Beginning Orchestra

An instrumental music class of string instruments. It is for those who have played an instrument for one year in elementary school or have not played an instrument before. The fundamentals of note reading, musicianship, technique will be taught by an experienced instructor.

Concert Orchestra

An instrumental music class of string instruments. It is for those who have played an instrument for several years. Advanced techniques will be taught and demonstrated. Prerequisite: Beginning Orchestra or similar instruction.

Half Year Electives:

Drawing 6

This course will introduce 6th graders to the making of art, understanding of art concepts, art history, and aesthetics. Students will begin to develop skills in representing what they see, expressing themselves visually, and forming pleasing design.

Drama 6

This class will help students overcome fear of public performance. Students learn how to clearly communicate their ideas. Class assignments include: demonstrations, newscasts, and talk shows.

Beginning Dance

Students will learn fundamentals of dance warm-ups and choreography. Emphasis will be on creative or modern dance. Students will participate in group work which will require collaboration and communication to learn choreography. Dance fitness will also be incorporated along with some international dances such as tinikling.

Mixed Choir

Mixed Choir is a non-audition vocal music class where all students can connect to music through in-class rehearsals and concert performances. This class is intended to increase music awareness by developing basic music skills. Students will be able to experience different genres, eras, and traditions in music. Aside from music performance, students will also be able to explore their own music preferences and introduce them to their peers. Mixed Choir is an excellent way to connect to music.

Music Exploration

Often called General Music, this is a great class for students interested in exploring how music can be used to express thoughts, feelings, ideas, historic time periods, cultures, and characters. Through listening to various types of music, students will learn its basic elements, discover how to manipulate them and develop skill in hearing them. Students will explore musical instruments – including the human voice, music notation, and investigate how music relates to their personal development and enjoyment of life. Non-performance based class.

Foods/FACS

This course is a general elective course to introduce students to career and life literacy skills in all areas of Family and Consumer Sciences. Students will receive instruction in career exploration, nutrition and food preparation, family life, childcare, interpersonal relationships, housing, and interior design, sewing productions and fashion, and career-related tasks.

Creative Coding

This course will introduce students to the computational thinking concepts of data representation, algorithms, and problem solving. Students will gain experience using technology tools and resources for learning, creating digital artifacts, and collaborating.

STEM Concepts

STEM Education is the intentional integration of concepts that are usually taught as separate subjects in different classes and an

emphasis on the application of knowledge to a real-world problem and tends to emphasize project-based learning. Many STEM lessons involve building prototypes and creating simulations. A good STEM lesson ensures that students understand the connection to the real world. A great STEM lesson engages students developing critical thinking and collaborative skills by engaging and persevering in real-world problem-solving.

Word Processing

In this beginning course, the student will master touch operation on a computer keyboard. Correct fingering by touch operation and good techniques will receive primary emphasis; speed and accuracy will be given secondary emphasis. The student will use basic word processing functions on a variety of documents. The acquisition of business communication skills will be integrated throughout the course. This course is highly recommended for all students.

Dual Language Immersion:

DLI Spanish 2

This course is for 6th grade Dual Language Immersion students who have been admitted to the program. It builds on the immersion experience from the previous year and continues to prepare students for the AP test taken in 9th grade. Students will develop and enhance their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills in the target language. Students will learn to write and speak in complete sentences and respond to a variety of questions while also exploring the associated cultural phenomena.

DLI World Studies

This course is for 6th grade Dual Language Immersion students who have been admitted to the program. It exposes students to various subjects of world history that go from ancient civilizations to the modern era. While they learn history, they study geography and its influence in the development of cultures. Politics, economy, and world religions are also covered in this course.